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Colonel James W. Dunn  
Military Intelligence, U.S. Army  
Chief, Histories Division  
The Center of Military History  
Washington, D.C. 20314


Dear Colonel Dunn:

This is in reply to your letter of 25 July 1983 requesting that CIA review for security portions of Dr. Jeffrey J. Clarke's manuscript Advice and Support: 1965-73.

We have no objection to the publication of the pages which we have reviewed. This approval should not be construed as a blanket approval of the publication of the entire volume, but only those pages which you have selected as of interest to CIA.

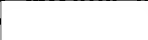
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Chief, Classification Review Division  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**THE CHIEF OF MILITARY HISTORY AND THE CENTER OF**  
**MILITARY HISTORY**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314**

July 25, 1983

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Chief, Classification Review Division  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Simonds:

Enclosed are portions of an unedited manuscript, Advice and Support: 1965-73, by Dr. Jeffrey J. Clarke. This volume will be published by the Center of Military History (CMH) as an unclassified official history in the forthcoming US Army in Vietnam series.

Request you review for security the enclosed chapters. Other pertinent portions of the manuscript are being reviewed for security by the Department of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, National Security Council, Defense Intelligence Agency, and the State Department. Upon clearance and subsequent CMH review, rewriting, and editing, the entire manuscript will be forwarded to Army and Defense Department Public Affairs for open publication clearance.

This manuscript is considered unclassified, however, until it is cleared by all appropriate agencies, please store it in an appropriate security container.

Please acknowledge receipt by notifying this office (272-0323/24) or by returning the enclosed DA Form 209 attached. Questions regarding the manuscript's content may be referred to the undersigned or Dr. Clarke(272-0340). It would be appreciated if the review could be accomplished within 30 days of receipt. Please call the above number when the review is completed, and prior to returning manuscript and comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James W. Dunn".  
James W. Dunn  
Colonel, MI  
Chief, Histories Division

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See notes attached. Notify the Army that approving excerpts from classified CIA documents for publication at the under level does not mean that the source documents are declassified. Suggest further coordination with DO.

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DI/IRO

I READ THE ATTACHED PAGES  
FROM THE UNEDITED MANUSCRIPT  
BY DR. CLARKE AND CAN SEE NO  
REASON WHY WE SHOULD PREVENT  
THIS BEING PRINTED AS "UNCLASSIFIED".  
THE INFORMATION HAS NO PRESENT  
VALUE TO US AND REVEALS NO  
"SOURCES AND METHODS". I AGREE,  
HOWEVER, THE ARMY SHOULD HAVE LISTED  
THE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR THE DOCUMENTS  
-- TWO OF WHICH ARE DDO REPORTS  
(PAPER CLIPPED). THIS IS YOUR BATTLE  
TO FIGHT NOT OURS BECAUSE WE  
WOULD RELEASE THE INFORMATION.

EXD, OEA/DDI  
18 AUG 83

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Please review the attached for release. I don't appreciate the Army's inference that our review would be less than objective if we knew the class of the source items (as though we couldn't find it if we wanted to).

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10 AUG 1983

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( The documents were apparently stuck away in various Army types' "personal files".)

Date



## ACTION SHEET

DATE REC'D IN IC 1 August 1983		IC # CRD-723-115-83
DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED MATERIAL:		
TYPE OF MATERIAL Manuscript	DATED 25 July 1983	
FROM Department of the Army	TO CRD/OIS/DDA	
SUBJECT Advice and Support: 1965-73, by Dr. Jeffrey J. Clarke		
DELIVERED TO 322 Ames Building	DEADLINE DATE 30 August 1983	FOLLOW-UP DATE None

## DIVISION ROUTING

TO	DATE	ACTION REQUIRED	INIT.	COMMENTS
1. <input type="checkbox"/>		Distribute	<i>JE</i>	<p>1. to 4. The Army History Staff has sent us only those parts of Dr. Clark's manuscript in which a CIA document is the source or one of the sources.</p> <p>Despite the fact that the subject is Vietnam, none of the documents are in the CBS System - mostly post-'66.</p> <p>The footnotes do not give the classification of the source document, and seem to come from little individual collections, e.g. "Gen. Gard's Papers". Col. Dunn tells me that the lack of classification of the sources is their policy - they want every declassification action to be judged on its own merits, e.g. what it</p>
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says substantively, and how this might damage the U.S., not on what the classification of the source is. A different and refreshing policy, but not too popular with places like N.S.A., I presume.

Even if we tried to trace out the classification of these poorly-described CIA documents, it might be an almost impossible task. When ☐ was OCI/FOIO he kept splendid records of all OCI documents (which these are most ) that were released. With his retirement, and the breakup of OCI, no one (including ☐) seems to know what happened to his system!

Having said all the above, and using Col. Dunn's rules, I would say that CIA has no objection to the release of the pages which we reviewed - but are curious about the rest of the document.

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